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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H02-256015, which was published on October 16, 1990, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,978,204 to ITO, which issued on December 18, 1990, this Japanese Publication being discussed on page 1 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H06-265788, which was published on September 22, 1994, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,002,529 to KOHNO et al., which issued on December 14, 1999, this Japanese Patent Publication being discussed on page 2 of the specification;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-180725, which was published on June 30, 2000, together with an English language translation of the same, and is discussed on page 2 of the specification;

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-350728, which was published on December 4, 2002, together with its patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,657,792 to EGUCHI et al., which issued on December 2, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003-0231405 to ENOMOTO, which was published on December 18, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the Japanese patent documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also calls the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent applications to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/641,052 to EGUCHI entitled "High Zoom-Ratio Zoom Lens System," which filed on August 15, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,901 to ENOMOTO, entitled "Zoom Lens System," which filed on November 26, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned

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applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any further questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

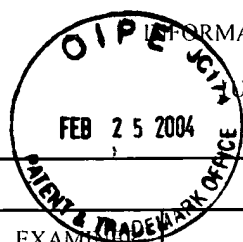
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